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Lord Woolton's Warning

London, May 8.
Lord Woolton, Britain's wartime Minister of food said on Wednesday that Great Britain was in danger of a food crisis as serious as last winter's coal crisis.

"I consider that the nation's food is inadequate to maintain the nation's health," Lord Woolton, chairman of the Conservative party told the House of Lords.

He spoke 24 hours after British dietician Dr. Franklin Bleknell said in a magazine article that "England is dying of starvation."

Lord Henderson, replying for the government said that current stocks of wheat and flour might cause some alarm but predicted that the level of food stocks in general would increase in future.—Associated Press.

Chinese Telecoms In Hongkong

To Be Requested To Close Down, Report

The Telegraph learns from unofficial, but wholly reliable sources that the Chinese Government Telecommunications Administration which has been operating a public radio service between Hongkong and Canton under an original agreement with the former British Military Administration, is to be requested to "close its Hongkong office.

Approached by the Telegraph for a statement, the Hongkong manager of Cable and Wireless said he had no comment to make on the report.

Normally the Hongkong office for receiving and despatching of public telegrams between the colony and Canton is Cable and Wireless. Under a special and temporary agreement this work has been done by the Chinese Government Telecommunications Administration since the reoccupation.

The Telegraph is informed that this office in Hongkong is now considered by Government as redundant and it is proposed that its function be restored to Cable and Wireless.

Although no official statement could be obtained on the subject, the Telegraph learns that the Chinese Government Telecommunications Administration has not kept strictly to the terms of its agreement. These provided that the Administration should handle a public cablegram service only between Hongkong and Canton.

However, the Hongkong office has been accepting and despatching messages to other parts of China.

A Telegraph representative has had accepted by the Chinese Telecommunications Administration a message addressed to Nanking. He was given the usual official receipt for it.

EDITORIAL

Expensive Eating

HITTING the white collar worker as hard as anything in these days of high living costs is the price he has to pay for meals in restaurants and hotels. He finds it practically impossible to obtain a decent meal for less than \$4.50 which takes \$100 a month out of his pocket. The food price index has slowly, but fairly consistently, shown a downward trend, yet charges for public meals are, if anything, inclined to increase. The worker feels he is being unfairly treated when he compares hotel and restaurant rates to the cost of home food. There he finds a family of three or four can get a substantial meal of soup, fish, vegetables, fruit and coffee costing about \$1.25 per head. For a meal approaching the same quality and quantity in a public eating house he has to pay up to five dollars. The hotels and restaurants plead increased overheads as an excuse for high charges, but the householder too has the same problem. His cook boy or maid costs \$100 a month compared to the pre-war \$20 to \$30; retail prices of all types of food are three and four times above 1941. The average worker

MINE DISASTER

Explosion & Fire In Barnsley Pit Kills Nine, Injures 25

Barnsley, Yorkshire, May 7.
Nine miners, several only 15 years old, were killed and 25 were injured when Britain's first major pit catastrophe since the Government took over the mines last January struck at noon today and an explosion 720 feet underground sent a sheet of flame roaring through-out the tunnels.

The flames hampered rescue work, and it was not until four hours after the shattering blast that the last body was brought to the surface and laid on the ground in front of the grim faced waiting people.

The horror of the disaster was described by George Hewitt, who was working in the adjoining coal face. He said that he and his mate opened the connecting door and "we saw two or three lads in a bad state. They were burned about the hands and face and were holding their hands up to their eyes."

In the inky blackness of the earth's bowels, the injured men and boys, whose lamps were blown out by the suction crawled painfully over the rubble and sharp-edged chunks of coal to meet a rescue team.

A joint statement issued by Lieutenant-General Sir Noel Holmes, Chairman of the Northwestern Division of the National Coal Board, and Mr Joseph Hall, President of the Yorkshire Miners' Union, said that full attendance at work in the unaffected portions of the colliery was expected tomorrow, and that there was no reason to believe the affected district would be long delayed in production.—Reuter.

UNO'S FACE SAVING COMPROMISE

Lake Success, May 8.
In an unprecedented extraordinary session, the United Nations Assembly on Palestine approved today a face saving compromise giving the Arab Higher Committee equal status with the Jewish Agency before the United Nations.

The vote was 39 to 1. Guatemala cast the only negative vote, while Russia and ten others abstained.

The meeting was held in the crowded committee room. The Assembly usually convenes at Flushing Meadows but the delegates considered the Arab question so urgent they gathered here for the first time in a 35-minute emergency session.

The Arab states expressed satisfaction when the Assembly acceded to their demand to hear the Arab states and the Arab Higher Committee on an equal footing with the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

The Assembly's Political Committee adjourned until Thursday morning when it will continue the task of making up and instructing a committee which will inquire into all phases of the Palestine situation.

The political committee will report to the regular Assembly session next September.—Associated Press.

CREECH-JONES' HINT

London, May 7.
The Colonial Secretary, Mr Arthur Creech Jones, today hinted in the Commons that the Palestine Government was considering the possibility of imposing collective fines and widespread martial law to counter Jewish extremists.

The official said that a meeting of the Bank's board was being held later today, when the final decision might be expected.

The \$250,000,000 loan would be the first instalment on the request for \$500,000,000 application that France made many months ago. The loan would be the first one granted by the Bank since its inception.

The final discussions between the Bank and the French authorities here have been conducted by Mr Christian Valensi, Financial Counsellor at the French Embassy, and Mr Wilfred Baumgartner, head of the Credit National.

The official declined to speculate on the possible effect of the loan decision of any new and drastic political developments inside France. It is considered possible in well informed quarters, however, that such a development might force further postponement in the Bank's already long delayed decision.—Reuter.

Aerial Search For Kidnappers

Singapore.—A Royal Air Force plane and a company of Gurkha troops are helping the Malayan police in the hunt for the daring kidnappers of the Chinese millionaire, Mr Kee Hup Hon. The search covers 60 square miles in area.

Six armed men had entered the millionaire's home in the town of Sungai Buloh in North Malaya on April 20 to carry out the audacious crime.

The police have arrested three men and have offered a reward of \$5,000 (Malayan) for information about the kidnapping.—Reuter.

No-One To Bury Dead

London, May 8.

The dead went unburied in the city of London on Wednesday. The "City" is the mile square historic section of London that contains the big banks, the law courts, the newspapers and magazines, Billingsgate fish market and—at the moment—a strike by employees of the city corporation.

Street cleaners, bridge operators, grave diggers and all sorts of other public servants are involved in the strike which is against the promotion of a fish market policeman to sergeant. Especially the grave diggers are involved.

"The corpses are collecting to get buried" said a policeman on duty at the city's one cemetery manor park. "The dead are lying unburied," confirmed an outraged member of Parliament Sir Jocelyn Lucas.

"There are 25 to 30 bodies waiting to be interred," a cemetery official said. "We are advising undertakers to keep them embalmed in their mortuaries until the strike is over."—Associated Press.

KING HAS A COLD

London, May 8.

King George has a slight cold and is temporarily confined to the Royal quarters aboard the British battleship Vanguard, the Exchange Telegraph agency reported on Wednesday in a radio dispatch from the ship.

The King's indisposition was attributed to the Vanguard's passage from the tropics to cool weather as it carried the Royal family home from their visit to South Africa.—Associated Press.

In view of the lack of safety on the line, all traffic between the two towns is now being carried by air.—Reuter.

Up-To-The-Minute International Sports News

S. AFRICANS OUTPLAY CAMBRIDGE

Cambridge, May 8.

The South African cricketers, with a warm sun on their backs, outplayed Cambridge University on the first day of their three day game at Cambridge.

Jack Pimlott, a fast left arm bowler tied up the variety batsmen to such an extent that he conceded only 30 runs in 36 overs. He took four wickets. The South African slow bowlers, too, kept Cambridge quiet although P. D. Dan the Indian Freshman jumped in and hit them in a brief but merry innings.

When the South African skipper bowled Alan Malville their batsmen for 35 at a time when he and Dudley Nurse were threatening to collect the Varsity bowling.

South Africa, in reply, to the Cambridge total of 116, made 122 for the loss of four wickets before stumps were drawn.—Associated Press.

Reuter also gives the following cricket scores:

At Oxford—Yorkshire 380 for six (Hutton 103, Wilson 51, Yardley 64, Coxon 50).
At Lords—Surrey 200 (Fishlock 50), M.C.C. 43 for three.

Britain Not To Interfere

London, May 7.

Mr Ernest Bevin, Foreign Minister, rejected the suggestion in the House of Commons today that the British Government should take steps to promote a settlement in the Chinese civil war.

The Labour Member, Mr Elwyn Jones, had asked if, in view of the importance of reopening Britain's trading, political and cultural relations with China, the British Government was taking steps to promote a settlement between the parties to the civil war.

Mr Bevin replied: "No. Much as we deplore continuance of the Chinese civil war, we regard it as entirely a Chinese domestic affair, in which the British Government cannot properly interfere."—Reuter.

Bevin's Disclosures On Japanese Industrial Reparations

London, May 7.

Mr Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, answering a question in the House of Commons today about Japanese industrial equipment, said that within the framework of policy decisions of the Far Eastern Commission, General MacArthur, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, was now designating Japanese industrial facilities for removal as reparations. No removals, however, had yet been made.

General MacArthur had invited all the governments represented on the Far Eastern Commission to send official missions to Tokyo to deal with him on problems of reparations, restitution and restoration, Mr. Bevin added.

In restitution matters, the Mission's functions were to inspect property for purposes of identification.

New Canyons Discovered

London, May 7.

The discovery of two great underwater canyons of the South Australian coast almost as deep as the record submarine canyons off the South Chilean coast were reported today by the Australian Information Bureau.

Local scientists thought they marked the original course of the River Murray, Australia's longest stream. They were similar in nature to the underwater canyon of the Hudson River extending to the continental shelf east of New York.

The new canyons are 120 miles south of the present mouth of the Murray. One canyon is two miles wide. The other is six miles wide. The depth of the water at the rim is about 400 feet while soundings showed the depth of the greatest canyon was at least 4,350 feet.

FOUND BY FRIGATE

The canyons were discovered by the frigate Lachlan in charting the South Australian coastline for the establishment of a deepwater harbour at Robe. The ship's officers said the underwater gulch would be like the Colorado River in the sea.

Dr Fenner, authority on South Australia's geography, said the canyon might have been carved out at an earlier glacial period.

Most geologists believed that such underwater canyons were carved when the continental shelf was dry land either because the land was higher or the sea level was lower. They said the sapping up of seawater to form great continental glaciers of the Ice Ages would lower the sea levels up to 3,000 or 4,000 feet.—United Press.

H.K. COMMANDOS AT MALTA

Malta, May 7.
An advanced party of more than one hundred Royal Marine commandos arrived here on board the transport Alcantara from Hongkong to replace the infantry battalions forarrison duties.

The main body is expected early in June.—Reuter.

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BIG RACE ENTRY

London, May 8.
Thirty-seven French three-year-olds have been entered for Ascot's big international race, the two miles King George VI stakes to be run on Saturday, October 11. The total entry is 60.
Rurak, 6-1, 6-6, 4-6, 6-4.
Rurak is the husband of Magda Rurak, who defeated Pauline Betz in Miss Betz' last competition as an amateur at Monte Carlo this spring.
In the semi-finals Patty will meet Robert Abdessalam of France, who won the English Derby and St Leger was third.—Associated Press.

Donations should be addressed to the General Manager, South China Morning Post, Morning Post Building, Hongkong.

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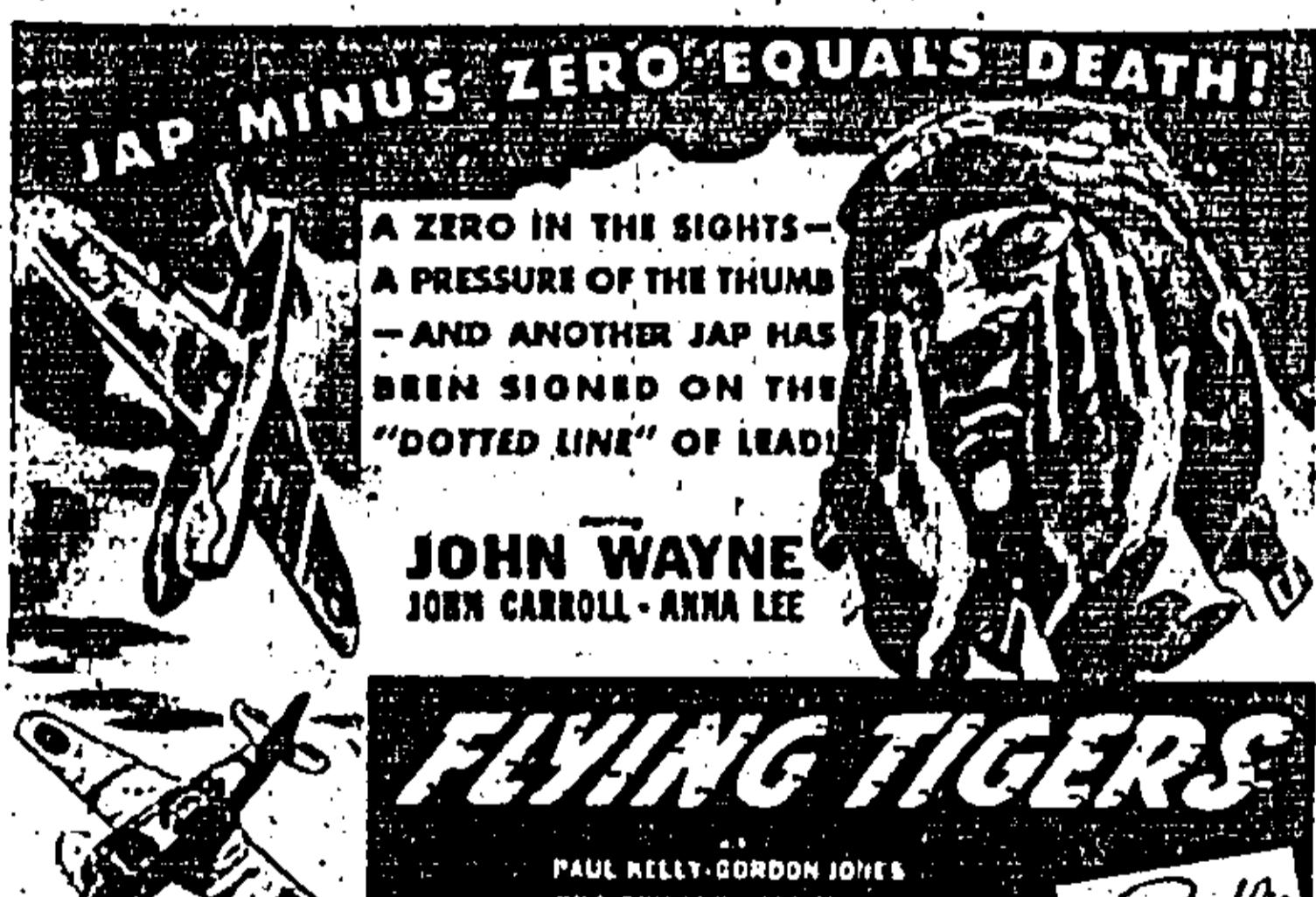
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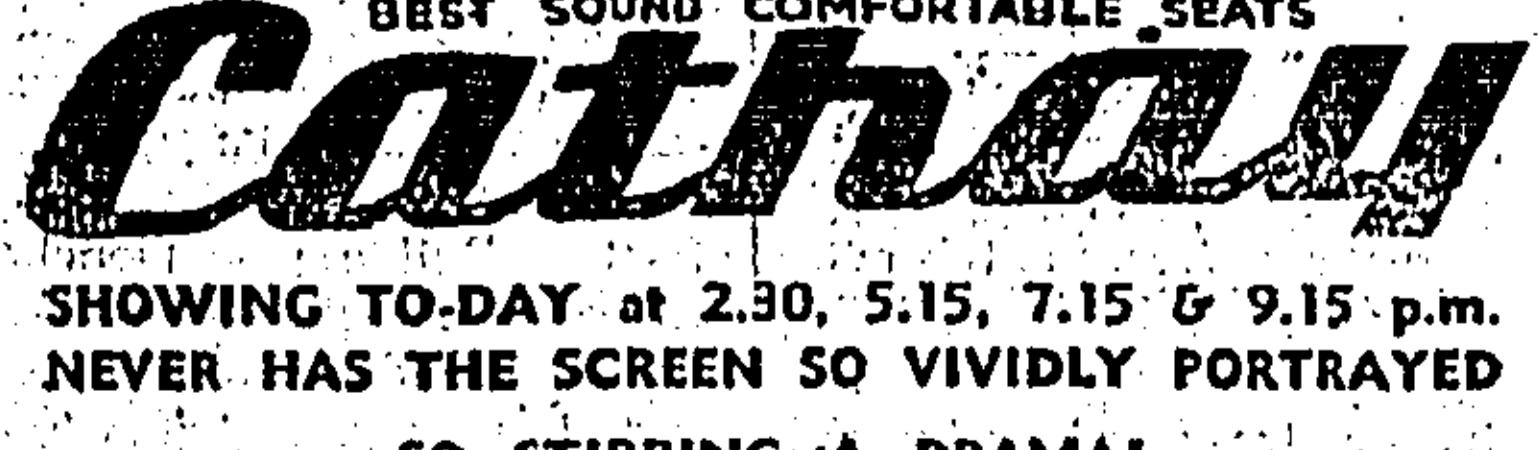
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COMING DOWN TO TIN TACKS

"The fight is going to be hard and long" . . . M. S. NUTT breaks off from the marathon International Trade Conference to tell readers what it is that is taking so long.

MR JOHN SMITH, of Sydney, New South Wales, exports tin tacks to Britain and pays 6d. a lb. duty on them. Mr John Doe, of Pittsburgh, U.S.A., also sends us tin tacks, but he is charged 1s. a lb. duty.

And Mr John Doe does not understand why Mr Smith should have that sixpence margin in his favour simply because he happens to be part of the British Empire.

Which, when you come down to tin tacks, is one of the two main reasons why 17 nations are starting some weeks of keen bargaining at Geneva.

Stretching it

THE other reason is that every country wants to increase its share of the world's trade. And, since it cannot get a quart out of a pint tankard, the Preparatory Committee of the International Conference on Trade is going to try to stretch the tankard.

For once America, economic boss of the world today, has been out-smarted in the preliminary round of the tariff and preference battle. One of her own laws has compelled her to divulge to the world the full list of goods on which she is prepared to make concessions. But Britain and the Empire have kept their lists secret, merely announcing the things on which they want tariffs cut.

What will happen

AND since tin tacks are probably on nobody's list, they will probably prick no one's fingers if we take them as an example of what is going to happen in the sprawling Palais des Nations at Geneva.

America will make it known she wants a cut in the Imperial Preference on tin tacks. The Board of Trade tack expert, if not already in Geneva, will fly in haste from London and the struggle will begin.

He will already have discussed the position with home tack makers and may be in a position to accept a cut, provided America in return will agree to make a reduction in the duty on her imports of, say, British ready-made clothes.

Dominion voice

BUT Australia has also to be consulted. Her export can take two lines—that the Dominion's infant tack trade must continue to have a preference, or that it can stand the loss of it. He, too, will want a quid pro quo from America, say a five percent cut in the duty on the apples which Australia sends to the Pacific coast when American apples are out of season.

If the talks end in agreement, the necessary adjustments will be made. America will sell more tacks in Britain, the wholesale clothiers of Leeds will have more work, and the Australian apple growers will ship more to San Francisco. The conference will have stretched the tankard a little bit. That, at any rate, is the idea. But there are snags. America puts an escape clause in all her tariff agreements. If, as a result of Empire tactics on tin tacks, the American clothiers find British competition too hot, the escape clause will be operated and everyone will be back where he started.

Real markets

AUSTRALIA, too, will want to be sure that the apple market is a real one. It will be no use America offering, instead, a concession on tinned fruits; for she herself is an

exporter and her offer would not sell another tin of Dominion pears in Los Angeles.

The fight is going to be hard and long. America is leaving nothing to chance any more than Joe Louis when he meets Balski. Her delegation includes negotiating teams of men and women who have for years specialised in the trades of each of the other 16 nations at Geneva, and these are backed up by seven commodity advisers from the U.S. Tariff Commission.

Britain's present Government is committed to the elimination of Imperial Preferences. Sir Stafford Cripps seems to have different ideas from his colleagues. Let him take courage and note that the Dominions, all of them, breed tough men.

And there are some preferences, marked in red on their secret lists, on which they have not the least intention of giving way. If these are threatened they will be ready to drown Sir Stafford's "perhaps" with a resounding "No."

No. 13

IT will be mid-May before these detailed negotiations are ended. By then the 15 typists, the seven cipherists, the eight messengers and the 40 girl drivers who are included in the British delegation will be sick of staring into the Geneva shop windows, crammed with goods too dear to buy.

But they will have to stay at least until the end of August, while the conference turns to getting rid of other trade restrictions.

But, Sir Stafford, Walter Clayton of the U.S.A., Max Suetens, Belgian chairman of the conference—have you noticed that on your agenda the item "Signature of the general agreement on tariffs and trade" is No. 13?

NANCY So Here It Is!



By ERNIE BUSHMILLER

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

ONCE upon a time there was a little journalist in a pointed green hat and a russet jerkin. And he said to himself: "What can I write about? Anyhow, everybody is too interested in his own affairs to pay any attention to me. Yet, a column must be filled."

And as he soliloquised thus, smoking an acorn filled with beech-mast, a wiz old goblin alighted on a mushroom on his desk. And the old goblin said: "String it out, cutly. Talk about not having anything to write, and you will soon find you have filled a column." Whereupon the tiny journalist drew himself up to his full height and said: "That would be dishonest and unsafe to the public." And the noble little man sat down and did his work, instead of going off with his fellow

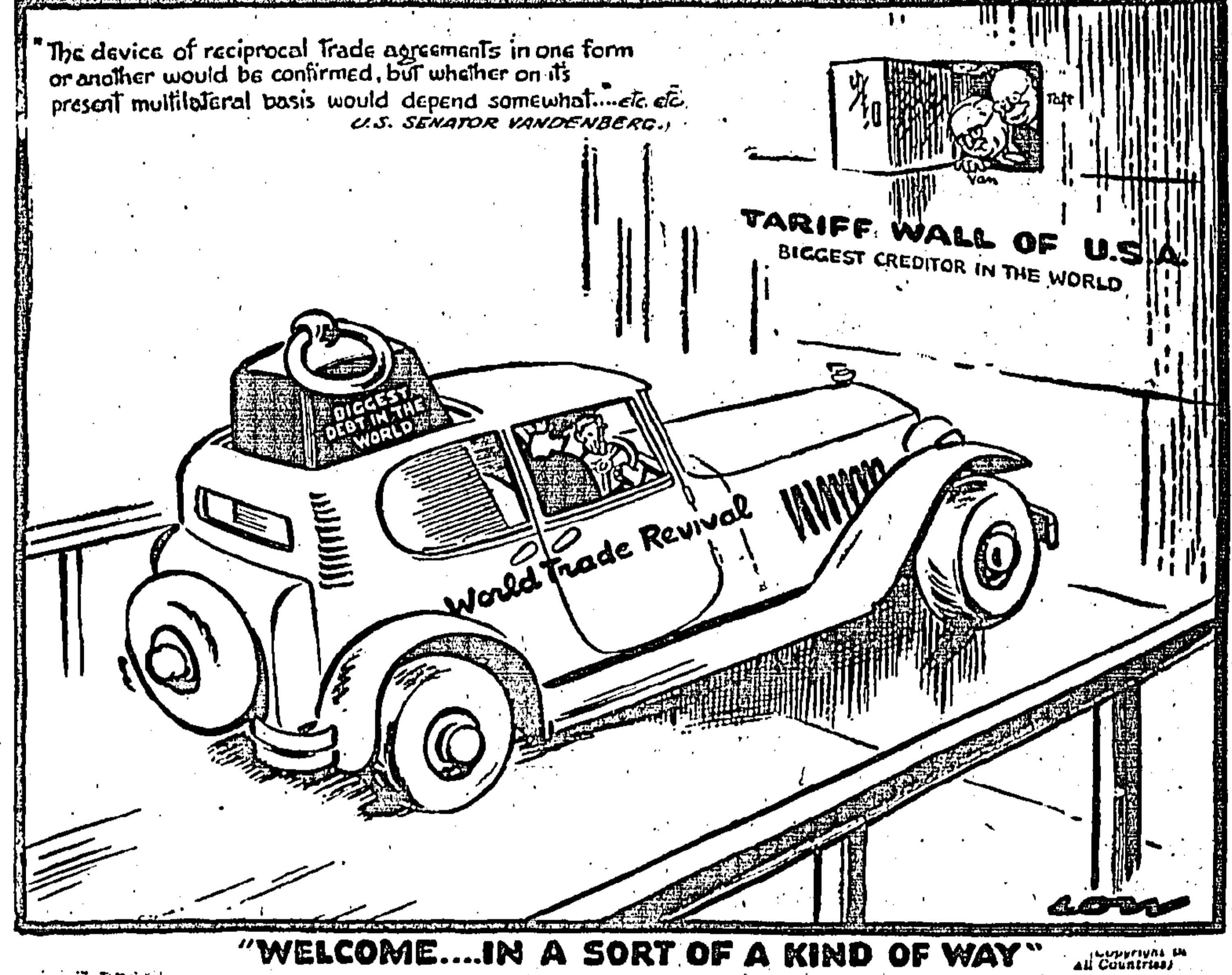
goblin-journalists to steal the milk cream dainties.

It has always seemed to me, I confess, a very shabby trick to cover up with verbiage one's lack of material. It is no easy task to maintain along, seeming to say this and that, without really saying anything at all. And I have known writers of the lazier sort who contrive to give the impression that they are writing an urban literary essay, while really they are spinning out their words to fill the allotted space. Such trifling is unworthy of the trade they follow.

THIS habit of merely spinning words is far filier than padding. The man who indulges in it does not restrict himself to unnecessary adjectives, or redundancies, or laborious repetition. No. His entire production is padding.

EVERY code of decency is outraged by the ingenious devices of the wretch who, having nothing to say, is too cowardly to admit it, but prefers to draw along stubbornly, braving the impatience of his friends and the disgust of his enemies. How can he fail to be haunted in after years by those simple readers who, not yet battered by the world and retaining their illusions, can mistake mere purposeless babble for sterling prose? And what a debasement of the intellect! To pretend to be saying something, and to do merely scratching the paper!

"The device of reciprocal trade agreements in one form or another would be confirmed, but whether on its present multilateral basis would depend somewhat . . . etc. etc.
U.S. SENATOR VANDENBERG."



DEFINITION OF A GENTLEMAN

By TOM BLAU

young Hungarian
journalist now working in England

The character-building methods of such schools and universities work with youngsters of any nationality, and these efforts do not go unrewarded. But to emulate the peculiar power of England, that leadership based not merely on military might, nor yet on economic resources, nor territories, or diplomatic finesse, two things are needed in equal measure—gentleness and manliness, and they are needed not in a few individuals but on the whole nation.

NONCHALANCE

Innumerable variations, this juxtaposition of two qualities one of which seemingly excludes the other, runs through English life. Take sport, for example. The whole world has copied and thoroughly studied the many forms of athletic exercise evolved by the English: tennis, football, hockey, boxing—and systematic, rigorous, uncompromising study of techniques has resulted in most championships being won for other lands. In international competitions, in the Olympic Games, the English, pioneers of modern athletics, rarely provide more than a modicum of winners. The world has successfully learned how to succeed in sports. It has mastered the "manly" part of the job, but has it ever studied the "gentle" side of it? To the English, sports are a gentle-manly pastime. They like it.

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CHARACTER

Envied and admired by a world that has so often miscalculated and misread the reactions of England and the British Commonwealth of Nations, the English have been copied strenuously by many who hoped to discover the formula of English success by imitating English manners. Foreign monarchs send their sons to Eton, Harrow, Winchester—men of wealth and influence have their children educated at Oxford and Cambridge;

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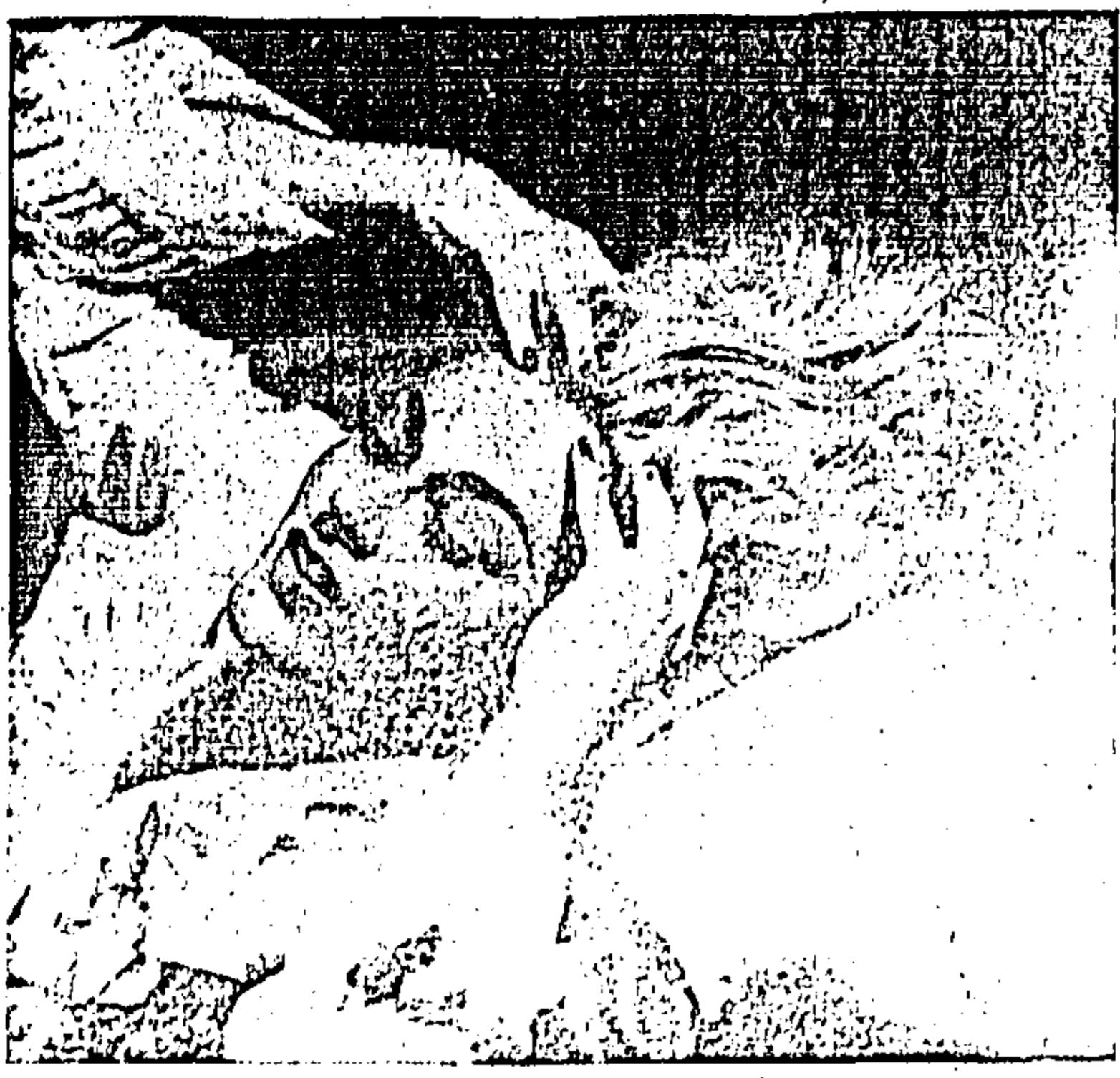
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BEAUTY QUIZ

Question. Do permanent waves hurt the hair?

Answer. No. If done by a skilled operator and the scalp is conditioned by hot oil shampoos, massage and brushing to stimulate circulation, hair which has been bleached is a "problem head" to the permanent wave operators but the modern heatless waves can be used on bleached heads with great success.

Question. Are masks helpful to the skin?

Answer. Masks are a quick method of refreshing the skin and refining its texture. A vanishing cream mask is easy to apply and very smoothing to flaky, rough skin. An oatmeal and cream mask is very softening. The special masks sold at cosmetic counters will be helpful for the "problem skin." Choose astringent types of cream masks and use according to the directions on the jar.

Question. How does one go about selecting a proper perfume to suit one's own personality and type?

Minute Makeups
by GABRIELLE



If you wear glasses pay special attention to your rouge. Blend it carefully. Don't stop the rouge at the eyeglass rims. Gradual fading out under the lenses draws attention away from the glasses. Also, it's flattering. Always match checks to lips. When in doubt use a clear, bright red.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



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"At this desk every scrap of paper is placed neatly in the wastebasket—I could learn to love the kind of man who sits here!"

"THE RUSSIAN QUESTION" BAFFLES THE GERMANS

German theatre-goers and British, American and French occupation officials in Berlin got their first look recently at the controversial Russian play, "The Russian Question," and the reaction was a mixture of perplexity and amusement.

DISABLED VETERANS ARE NORMAL

The average American disabled veteran is married, has one or more children, believes he can lead a normal family life, and is satisfied with his job, according to recent statistics.

These facts were based upon a nation-wide survey of more than 2,000 handicapped veterans.

Of the World War II veterans:

75 percent are married;

54 percent have an average of two children each;

80 percent believe the disabled veteran can lead a normal family life.

Of the World War I veterans:

70 percent are married;

64 percent have an average of three children each;

70 percent believe the handicapped veteran can lead a normal family life.

Eighty-four percent of American World War II disabled thought they were getting a better "break" than their counterparts of the first war. The disabled of World War I agreed.

However, a majority of handicapped of both wars felt that America has forgotten its obligation less than two years after the end of the last war.

CHRISTIAN COMMANDO CAMPAIGN

For the 3,000 young men and women taking part in the Greater London Christian Commando Campaign, which opened recently with a service in the Royal Albert Hall, full of enthusiasm and adventure they set out to bridge what they described as the gulf between the Church and the people, the armchair and the altar.

The London campaign, supported by the Protestant churches, and with the sympathy of many Roman Catholics, was the climax to a series of provincial campaigns which have had much success.

Now, the Commandos (their coined name suggests courage and staunchness at its highest) are bringing their slogan, "New men—for a new world," to Britain's capital and its suburbs. Area committees have arranged for speakers to be heard in cinemas, canteens, clubs, factories, hospitals, prisons, schools—and in the open air, as well as in the churches.

The Commandos include priests, lay preachers, doctors, lawyers, politicians, and men from all walks of life who believe that in the Christian message lies the solution to world problems and difficulties. They assert that since nations are merely collections of individuals, it is with individuals that the solution will be found.

Large numbers of Londoners have been giving them a hearing, and the interest and co-operation already shown by employers is a pointer to their success.

DEFINITION OF A GENTLEMAN

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game, they enjoy the contest; yet they can stand the loss of race or a match with perfect and quite unfeigned nonchalance. To the English, the will-to-win at all cost is senseless in a game.

I believe that much of the incredible elasticity and resilience of the English is explained by their possession of these two characteristics which the term "gentleman" reduces to almost biblical simplicity. "Gentle" covers many subdivisions: humour; tact, discretion, restraint, courtesy, a dislike of vulgarity; a friendliness and amiable detachment. "Manly," too, represents a variety of virtues: courage, coolness, loyalty, bearing, tenacity. Within these qualities—an even share of both categories—how could the British have managed to run, control and develop the gigantic British Commonwealth for so long; how could they have stood up alone, firmly and confidently, to the vastly superior material power of Napoleon and of Hitler?

MISUNDERSTOOD

It is because gentleness and manliness rarely go together that the English are misunderstood. The inconspicuous, soft-spoken restraint exhibited in tone and manner by many distinguished British public figures is quite erroneously taken to be a sign of timidity; while the expressionless "stiff upper lip" rigidly of others is equally wrongly interpreted as insensible hardness and lack of feeling. Such men, when they reveal the other side of their character, are charged with deceit—hence the old catch phrase of "perfidious Albion." But England breeds men who can be scientists, scholars, men of letters devoted to their studies; yet able to take command and lead armies in the field.

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JAPAN'S NEW RICH SPEND LAVISHLY

The Orient is still an area of contrasts. Even today thousands of Japanese are subsisting on short rations while the "new yen" rich spend 100,000,000 yen nightly in Tokyo's luxury restaurants, cabarets and dance halls.

The "new yen" rich are those who have accumulated fortunes in cash in unfrozen yen. They are whooping it up, according to the Tokyo metropolitan police bureau, in more than 24,288 restaurants and other establishments that cater especially to their class.

These evening "hot spots" are often built in the centre of burned-out, devastated areas. Shanties crowded with cold and hungry occupants sometimes are within shouting distance.

In the dance halls of the Ginza and the restaurants of the Shinbashi district, Tokyo's now construction company magnates and black market operators spend their quickly acquired gains.

The managers of the luxury establishments often complain that their clients consist to a large degree of "new yen" rich who do not know how to spend properly, other than spoiling waitresses and dancers with excessive tips.

Black Market Is Key

"It is not like the old days when most of our customers were from the better classes," one manager said. "But we must cater to those who can pay if we are to keep our establishments going."

Police have estimated that on the basis of the official price list, the food consumed nightly in the various establishments catering to the "new yen" rich totals 10,313,700 yen.

Since all of the liquor, food and other trimmings are purchased on the black market, the figure might well swell to 70,330,350 yen—or more than \$1,500,000 at the U.S. Army's current official 50-to-1 conservation rate. Counting the tips that go to waitresses, aids, dancers and all the others around these places, the average night may see as much as 100,000,000 yen change hands.

Police said they are powerless to check this growing spending, since all the items on the bill are "quite in order" and the only heavy charge is for "service."

Japanese sources said the frenzy of postwar spending comes chiefly from those who have converted their stockpiles of needed commodities into cash and have used the fast-changing black market on food-stuffs and essentials to pile up enormous profits.

Rupert & the New Pal—49



The van goes right through Nutwood to the place where the hamper had been picked up, but there is no sign of Bill or the hamper. "Well, we've been a long time," says Rupert. "They will have got tired of waiting. Bill is sure to have taken the toy-trolley back to my cottage." So the good-natured driver turns and with Rupert guiding him and George back to the hole in the hedge of St. Wilfrid's, "You've been very kind," says Rupert. "George is safe home at last."

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CROSS WORD

16. Age in return. (6)
19. In real life? (6)
20. It's on the green. (6)
21. It's a coat or a robe. (6)
22. It's for a girl. (6)
23. This lock was mean. (8)

Down
1. and 22. Cat sweeping day (anag.) (8)
2. It's for a change not for sorrow. (7)
4. The strawberry is for instance. (6)
6. 20. Devil it looks as though you need roll both in and out. (9)
7. Another name for the cloudberry. (9)
9. Tortilla and give the picture. (6)
10. Hide cads (anag.). (6)
14. With this in you've made a favourable transaction. (6)
15. It's a mean alteration. (6)

Across
1. Dotted known as the shepherd's crook. (6)
3. Jupiter's beautiful woman or Europa. (7)
11. You're from a dear time. (6)
12. Self in negotiation. (6)
13. It can be cause of a long pause. (6)
14. Vulgarly it has face value. (6)
15. Pick of the pack. (6)
17. Take care for the measure. (6)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle—Across:
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Interim: 10. pants; 17. days; 19. trench coat; 20. Minister; 21. Olaf; 22. Alice; 23. Harry; 24. Nap; 25. Truth; 26. Alice; 27. David; 28. Harry; 29. Grey; 30. Daniel

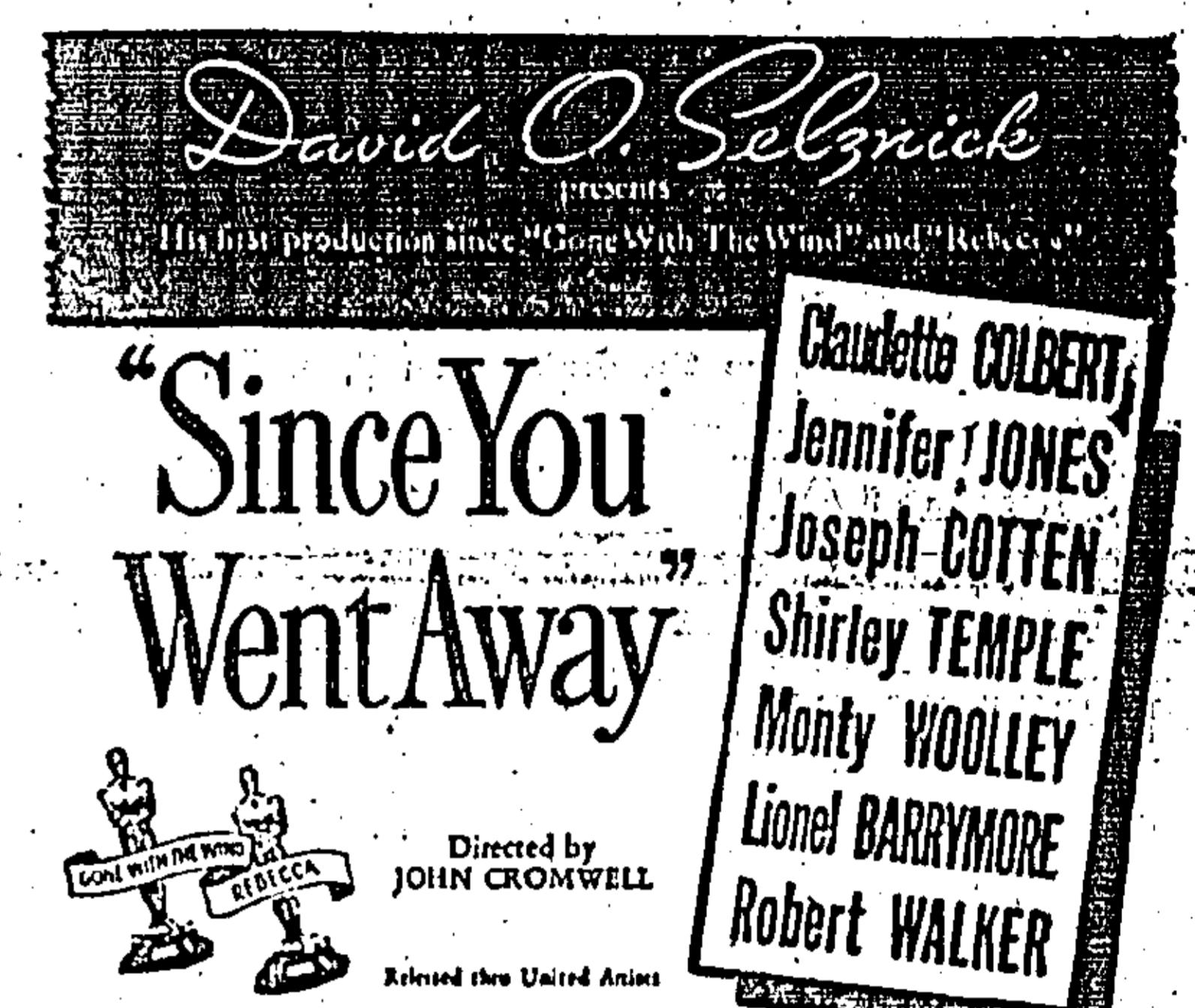
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Conference Made Work For WAAFs

Within a stone's throw of the Russian sector of Berlin, WAAFs flight mechanics, radio operators, flying control and signals airwomen recently had the busiest time of their careers. Instead of "homing" operational aircraft, as they did during the war, flying control and radio operators gave landing instructions to planes carrying VIPs on their way to the Foreign Ministers' conference in Moscow.

At half-hourly intervals, weather reports were sent to all aircraft in the vicinity to ensure safe landing. WAAFs in the signals and air traffic sections were busy receiving and sending communications and orders relating to the Conference, and, according to the Chief Signals Officer, they proved highly efficient. Their off-duty hours were spent boating and riding.

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Of the 95 airwomen stationed in Berlin, many have extended their period of service.

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Maternity Home Cries Upset Young Girl

Kidderminster, May 7. A Kidderminster midwife was ordered to pay £10 damages yesterday to a neighbour who complained that noises from the maternity home which she maintained had caused his 19-year-old daughter to change her attitude toward marriage and motherhood.

County Judge T. W. Langman refused a plea for an injunction to prevent Mrs W. S. Tuck, the midwife, from continuing to operate her maternity home, but he warned that she must not allow "noise or cries" to disturb neighbours.

Harry Edwards and his wife sought the injunction, testifying that the moans of mothers and cries of babies had affected the health of their daughter Rita to such an extent that she does not want to get married.—Associated Press.

What's Behind The Sunda Separatists?

BY STANLEY SWINTON

What is behind the Sundanese separatist movement, claiming to represent some 12,000,000 residents in the west of Java? Is it, as some Indonesians maintain, the Dutch effort to break up the Indonesian Republic?

AUSTRIAN APPEAL FOR FREEDOM

Vienna, May 7. The Socialist and People's Parties today presented a united appeal for the departure of a major portion of the occupation forces and restoration of full independence of the Austrian government.

Today's Parliament session saw the two majority parties approve each other's proposals on how to cope with the aftermath of the Moscow conference, which left Austria still without a treaty and with an occupation force of 120,000 men.

Following speeches by Chancellor Leopold Figl and Foreign Minister Karl Gruber, both parties announced their new policy links. While the Socialist appeal was addressed to the Allied Councils, the Austrian People's Party appeal was directed to the "entire free world."

An obvious belligerent attitude was displayed by both parties towards the Communists, and it was described by government officials as the aftermath of the recent attempt of the Communists to induce rioters to storm the Chancellery. Chancellor Figl himself several times interrupted a Communist speaker, Ernst Fischer, during the debate and called him "liar."—United Press.

WORLD SHOOTING TOURNEY

Stockholm, May 7. Twelve nations have entered the world shooting championships to be held here on August 1 to 10. It was announced today.

The nations which entered are Argentina, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Greece, Holland, Yugoslavia, Norway, Portugal, Rumania and Switzerland.

The tournament will include 14 events, including army rifle, free pistol, heavy pistol and sports rifle shooting.

There will be five short distance shooting events ranging from 50 to 100 metres.—United Press.

U.S. WALKER CUP CHALLENGE

London, May 7. The United States Walker Cup team left London today for St Andrews, Scotland, where they will pace through a week of practice swings before attempting to wrest the Cup away from top British amateurs on May 10 am.

Frank O'Connor, America's non-playing captain, declined to predict the Walker Cup result, but said he was happy with the showing his squad had made in the two warm-up competitions in England.—United Press.

Bermuda To Stay A Crown Colony

London, May 7. Britain has made it clear to Bermuda that she has no intention of transferring the sovereignty of the colony to the United States to help end the American loan, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, declared in the House of Commons today.

Such a suggestion had been made in the American press.

Answering a question, Mr. Creech Jones said that the Governor of Bermuda was authorised last March to state that the British Government did not contemplate and transfer of British colonies and dependencies in the Western Hemisphere.—Reuter.

Businessmen For Japan

London, May 8. The Board of Trade announces that it is compiling a list of 40 British businessmen to proceed in due course to Japan. This is being done in the hope of an early reopening of private foreign trade in that country.—Associated Press.

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Anglo-Egyptian Treaty Dispute:

RUSSIA MAINTAINS NEUTRAL STAND

London, May 7. A well-informed British source said today that Generalissimo Stalin informed the British Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, during talks in Moscow that Russia would remain aloof from the Anglo-Egyptian treaty dispute and the Sudan controversy.

Although this could not be confirmed in detail in official quarters, a high government source conceded that Mr Bevin and Stalin had touched briefly on the two questions during the talks in Moscow.

Conscription Bill Passes Commons

London, May 8.

The House of Commons voted last night to cut compulsory military training service from 18 months to one year after the Defence Minister, Mr A. V. Alexander, had declared that there is no surrender on foreign policy in the Government-sponsored move to reduce the conscription period.

Mr Alexander was replying to Mr Winston Churchill's charge that the Government had decided to cut the draft period to "placate" Left Wing Labour critics. These had criticised Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin's foreign policy and had voted against the Conscription Bill on its second reading on April 1.

Although Mr Churchill declared that Government leaders acted against the advice of military leaders in cutting the training period to one year, he announced that the Conservatives would vote for the 12-month amendment. The amendment was carried by 364 votes to 17.—Associated Press.

SUPPORT FOR REFUGEES

Lausanne, May 7. The International Refugee Organisation today fixed the number of refugees it would have to take care of on its new budget.

Refugees needing food support were listed as 870,500, of whom 657,500 are in Germany, 128,500 in Austria, 30,000 in France, 12,000 in China and 3,000 in the Middle East.

The remainder are scattered in the Low Countries, Spain and Portugal.

In addition, the IRO will have to protect the legal and political rights of 1,748,000 refugees, of whom 883,000 are in Germany, 138,000 in Austria, 140,000 in Italy and 340,000 in France. The last figure includes 200,000 Spanish Republicans.—United Press.

Dutch Premier's Visit

Batavia, May 8.

Dr L. J. M. Beel arrived in Batavia yesterday from Holland on the first visit ever paid to the Netherlands East Indies by a Dutch Prime Minister.

Dr Beel was accompanied by Dutch officials and representatives of the Indonesian Republic.

The purpose of the visit was not announced. Political observers believe Dr Beel wishes to make a first hand check-up on the progress of negotiations with the Indonesian Republic and plans for a new United States of Indonesia.

He also is expected to study the question of a United States loan.

He said he would visit the east Indonesian capital, Macassar, and the western capital, Pontianak.—Associated Press.

MR. SHINWELL LAMPOONED

London, May 7.

A derogatory pamphlet, entitled "The Sayings of Shinwell," and curtooning the Minister of Fuel and Power, Mr Emanuel Shinwell, as a Chinese mandarin, "the wise man of Min-Fu-Po," caused a commotion at the annual conference of the National Guild of Telephoneists today.

The pamphlet called for support of the federation of independent trade unions, for freedom, independence, tolerance and unity in industries great and small."

A telephoneists' official said that the federation denied responsibility for the pamphlet, but a resolution was passed, demanding "the strongest possible action to counteract the adverse effect of the pamphlet."—Reuter.

Singapore Drivers Return To Work

Singapore, May 7.

The 2,000 Singapore traction workers decided today to end their three months' old strike and return to work tomorrow.

The traction company has promised payments of rehabilitation grants.

The busmen's union had announced earlier that they were returning to work in the interest of the public, even though the report of the commission set up to examine their demands was "unacceptable."—Reuter.

Italy Files UNO Application

Rome, May 7.

The Foreign Office announced that Italy's application for membership in the United Nations would be filed with the Secretary-General of the United Nations today.—United Press.

POCKET CARTOON



Tense Labour Situation Problem For Ramadier

Paris, May 7. Premier Paul Ramadier was closeted throughout today with party chiefs, discussing the reshuffling of his Cabinet to replace the fired Communist Ministers, and with General Labour Confederation chiefs who came to report on the tense labour situation.

Strikes throughout France have resulted in some 50,000 men quitting their jobs. While there were no new important walk-outs today, the

NEW KOREAN PARTY

Scoul, May 7.

Mr Lyuh Woon-hye, former leader of the People's Front—a coalition of Southern Korean Leftist parties—who resigned from politics last January, today announced the platform of his new "Labouring People's Party."

He said the aims were to "carry out a democratic revolution by unifying anti-Japanese and anti-Fascists on such subjects as fishing, communications and transportation."

He demanded "considerable" reparations from Japan. As part of the same reform Japan, he said: "The lands of Prince Lee and the temples must be confiscated and distributed to farmers."—United Press.

America To Develop Atom Navy

Washington, May 7.

The United States Navy formally announced today that it is setting up a special section to try to develop atom-powered warships.

The move is part of a developing programme expected to alter the whole concept of naval warfare.

The section will be a part of the Bureau of Ships, along with two other new ones.

They are: the Radiological Section to devise means of protecting crews from atomic explosions and ships from radiological contamination, and the Atomic Warfare Section to investigate the protection of ships from atomic weapons and to continue the studies of the Bikini tests held last year.

There are signs that the navy of the future will take the shape of a force for blasting enemy cities and bases rather than opposing fleets.—Associated Press.

UNKNOWN PLANES FLY OVER GREECE

Athens, May 7.

The Ministry of Public Order announced today that aircraft of unknown nationality crossed the Greek frontier from the north at 10.20 p.m. on Sunday, circled Mount Paiton—penetrating Greek territory for five kilometres—and returned towards Yugoslavia after a 20-minute flight.

Some official quarters believe mysterious planes have been dropping supplies to Greek guerrilla forces.

Flights of unknown aircraft as far south as the Grevena area of Northern Thessaly were reported by the press several times in the last few months, but these planes have never been fixed on by Greek anti-aircraft or confirmed by any official source.

The Greek General Staff does not take the matter seriously. A Greek spokesman said: "Such reports are most unreliable."—United Press.

Quirino At Arlington

Washington, May 7.

In a brief but solemn ceremony, the Philippines Vice-President, Elpidio Quirino, put a wreath in the name of the Republic of the Philippines on the grave of a dead United States soldier whose identity is "Known but to God."

The ceremony, witnessed by Elpidio Ramos and members of the Embassy staff as well as newsmen and photographers, was held at Arlington Cemetery, within 300 yards from the spot where the late President Quezon's body had rested for a year before its return to the Philippines.

Quirino's car was greeted at the memorial gate of the cemetery by a small U.S. guard who conducted him to the amphitheatre, where he was greeted by Brig. Gen. Claude Fernbaugh, military commandant of the District of Columbia.

As his big diplomatic car slowly moved along the winding roads garlanded with lilies and boughs, a United States rifle detachment fired 15 guns in salute.—United Press.

TRADE MISSION TO JAPAN

Tokyo, May 8.

SCAP announced today that a Japan Trade Mission is departing from the United States on Thursday, headed by Brit.-Gen. George L. Eberle, Deputy Chief of Civil Affairs Division of the War Department.

The mission will confer on the reopening of private trade with Japan.

A spokesman said the early arrival of traders has to be delayed because of the housing shortage here.—United Press.

Eire's £60,000,000 Budget

Dublin, May 7.

The Finance Minister, Mr Frank Aiken, introducing Eire's new £60,000,000 budget in the Dail today, announced that the price of a packet of 20 cigarettes would be raised from 1s 5d to 1s 9d.—United Press.

Butchers Protest

Dublin, May 7.

Two hundred of Dublin's 350 butcher shops were closed today in a one-day protest strike against the small margin of profit they are allowed under controlled prices.—United Press.

Women Prisoners Refuse To Work

Paris, May 7.

French prison authorities revealed today that 100 women prisoners, ranging in age from 16 to 21, barricaded themselves in the building and refused to resume work yesterday.

The authorities said the inmates were fortified by large quantities of alcohol and other, which they had obtained in a raid on the infirmary.

Forty-six of the women were confined, awaiting disciplinary action, after police reinforcements restored order.—United Press.

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